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Ida M. Tarbell,
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My dear Miss Tarbell:

At odd times I have been trying to trace the assertion which you questioned, respecting correspondence between Lincoln and Karl Marx, which on several occasions appeared in Socialist papers. I have caused a careful search to be made of the material on file at the New York Public Library. The correspondence I mentioned is not in that library. The research workers with the cooperation of library officials have checked up on all the indexed manuscripts of the library and, while they also have a large quantity of unindexed manuscripts, they report that the correspondence is not there. The only clue I have discovered is the letter to Lincoln from the International Workingmen's Council which was signed by Karl Marx, among others, and is quoted at pages 188 to 191 of "Lincoln, Labor and Slavery" by Herman Schluter (1913-Socialist Literature Co., New York).

James Lipsig, connected with the Labor Research Front, 21 East 17th Street, New York City, writes me that if I do not have that publication available, he will copy the letter and mail it to me. I am writing to him to send a copy of that letter to both you and me.

Very respectfully yours,

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